

## American Born Chinese Essay Rubric

<b>Introduction/ Conclusion (5 points)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- interesting, sophisticated opening that smoothly transitions into context</li> <li>- thorough, necessary, relevant plot context</li> <li>- conclusion clearly, thoroughly summarizes the claims of your paper</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>5 Points</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- interesting opening that relates to context in rest of introduction</li> <li>- adequate amount of plot context given</li> <li>- conclusion adequately summarizes the claims of your paper</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>4 Points</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- opening introduces general topic but lacks interesting elements</li> <li>- only covers minimal plot context</li> <li>- conclusion somewhat summarizes the claims your paper</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3 Points</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- confusing opening that doesn't relate to context</li> <li>- little to no plot context</li> <li>- conclusion summary missing key claims of paper</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2 Points</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- introduction is incomprehensible or utterly fails to present the background and context for the thesis</li> <li>- conclusion is incomprehensible and fails to summarize the claims of the paper</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>0-1 Point</b></p>
<b>Thesis/ Persuasive Claim (5 points)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- clear position identified and explained</li> <li>- insightful topic</li> <li>- insightful claim about topic, showing understanding of a theme</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>5 Points</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- position identified with minimal explanation</li> <li>- topic identified</li> <li>- clear, accurate claim about topic, showing some understanding of theme</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>4 Points</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- position somewhat clearly identified</li> <li>- topic implied simplistic sentence structure</li> <li>- identifiable claim about topic, showing some understanding of theme</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3 Points</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- unclear position</li> <li>- topic is unclear</li> <li>- unclear, cliché claim about topic, showing inadequate understanding of theme</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2 Points</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- missing position</li> <li>- topic is missing or inaccurate</li> <li>- illogical or missing claim about topic</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>0-1 Point</b></p>
<b>Evidence and Explanation (10 points)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- clear, thorough examples of support that directly proves and is related to topic sentence and thesis</li> <li>- clear, concise explanation that thoroughly explains how evidence proves the claim of that paragraph and the thesis</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>9-10 Points</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- multiple examples of support that adequately proves and is related to topic sentence and thesis</li> <li>- explanation that adequately explains how evidence proves the claim of that paragraph and the thesis</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>8 Points</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- at least 1 example of support that proves and is related to topic sentence and thesis</li> <li>- explanation that somewhat explains how evidence proves the claim of that paragraph and the thesis</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7 Points</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- unclear example of support that somewhat proves and is related to topic sentence or thesis</li> <li>- explanation that unclearly explains how evidence proves the claim of that paragraph and the thesis</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6 Points</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- missing, incomplete, or irrelevant example of support that fails to prove or related to topic sentence or thesis</li> <li>- inaccurate or missing explanation of how evidence proves the claim of that paragraph and the thesis</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>0-5 Points</b></p>